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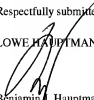P.O. Box 1450
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